Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many years is it since the bridge on the Salem–Bellary Road at mile 162, 7th furlong, gave way and has fallen into disrepair;

(*b*) in what year;

(*c*) what are the details of expenditure incurred in the attempt to construct the bridge in the first year after disrepair;

(*d*) what are the details of annual expenditure incurred for the repairs to the *halla* from that time;

(*e*) is it through contract or Government agency that this *halla* repair work is done every year;

(*f*) has it come to the notice of Government that travellers are put to inconvenience for want of this bridge over this *halla*?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. R. W. Scaldwell).**—

(*a*) It is 23 years since the bridge gave way.

(*b*) In the year 1911.

(*c*) No expenditure was incurred for the construction of the bridge, but only survey work was done for the preparation of a project.

(*d*) The annual expenditure for repairs varies from Rs. 50 to 75.

(*e*) Through contractors.

(*f*) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. Venkatapathi THIMMIAH.—Is the repair to the *halla* done annually or only off and on?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—Once a year.

Mr. Venkatapathi THIMMIAH.—Is that considered sufficient?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—Generally sufficient.

Mr. SYED USUFF SAHIB.—Will the construction of the bridge be undertaken at least next year?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—The construction of a high level causeway is under investigation, as the site is only suitable for a causeway.

Bridge across Vedavathi near Chowlur.

Q.—39. **Messrs. Venkatapathi THIMMIAH and Patel MALLAPPA** (Chitaldrug Taluk); **T. SHADAKSHARAPPA and D. SIVASANKARAYYA** (Challakere Taluk); **K. KENCHAPPA and B. SITHARAMIAH** (Hiriyur Taluk); **Patti BASAPPA and Kamareddy MALLAPPA** (Molakalmuru Taluk); **Patel CHENNAPPA and GOWDA SIVAPPA** (Davangere Taluk); **GOWDA ESWARAPPA, son of Mr. Nanjappa Gowda and GOWDA ESWARAPPA, son of Mr. Rangappa** (Holalkere Taluk); **B. V. NAGESHA SETTY and B. MARULAPPA** (Hosadurga Taluk); **J. S. MAHALINGAPPA and MALKAPPA** (Jagalur Taluk); **BASAVANNA GOWDA** (Harihar Sub-Taluk); **S. RANGA RAO** (Chitaldrug Municipality); **M. GURUSIDDAPPA** (Davangere Municipality) and **MAHOMED USMAN SAHEB** (Harihar Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) is it a fact that, in regard to the representation for a bridge across the Vedavathi River near Chowlur in Challakere Taluk, the Dewan was pleased to state in October 1934 that an estimate was being prepared;

(*b*) is it a fact that the Chitaldrug District Board accepted the estimate for Rs. 2,11,000 and resolved to commence the work with an expenditure of Rs. 70,000 for 1937-38 and submitted the plan and estimate for the consideration of Government?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. R. W. Scaldwell).**—

(*a*) It was stated that Government would consider the representation sympathetically.

(*b*) Yes. The estimate is received in the Chief Engineer's Office.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—When was the estimate received in the Chief Engineer's Office?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—About a month ago.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—Has it been scrutinised?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—It is under scrutiny.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—Has the concerned District Board submitted a programme in this connection?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—Yes.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—What are the difficulties in the way of sanctioning the construction of the bridge in the budget year?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—The Kellodu bridge is under construction and Government are not in a position to provide their share of the cost for this work also. So, this bridge cannot be taken up in the budget year.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARARPA.—The Government may contribute their quota even three years hence. In the meanwhile, cannot the District Board proceed with the work out of its own funds?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—But unless the Government are sure of providing their share of the expenditure. how can they agree to undertake the scheme? Supposing the District Board bears its share of the cost, but the Government do not find themselves able to give their quota, all the work done by the District Board will actually go to waste. That, certainly, is not desirable.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—When will the Government provide their share of the cost?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—We shall consider the whole case next year. In the meanwhile, the possibility of having a causeway will be investigated.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—Will the work be undertaken next year?

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—That suggestion will also be considered.

Wool Spinning and Weaving Centre at Bagur.

Q.—40. Messrs. Venkalapath THIMMIAH and Patel MALLAPPA (Chitaldrug Taluk); T. SHADAKSHARAPPA and D. SIVASANKARAYYA (Challakere Taluk); K. KENCHAPPA and B. SITHARAMIAH (Hiriyur Taluk); Patti BASAPPA and Kamareddy MALLAPPA (Molakalmuru Taluk); Patel CHENNAPPA and GOWDA SIVAPPA (Davangere Taluk); GOWDA ESWARAPPA, son of Mr. Nanjappa Gowda and GOWDA ESWARAPPA, son of Mr. Rangappa (Holalkere Taluk); B. V. NAGESHA SETTY and B. MARULAPPA (Hosadurga Taluk); J. S. MAHALINGAPPA and MALKAPPA (Jagalur Taluk); BASAVANNA GOWDA (Harihar Sub-Taluk); S. RANGA RAO (Chitaldrug Municipality); M. GURUSIDDAPPA (Davangere Municipality) and MAHOMED USMAN SAHEB (Harihar Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether Government are aware that the Department of Industries and Commerce have established a Weaving Demonstration Centre at Bagur, a model village in Hosadurga Taluk;

(*b*) is it not a fact that the weavers of that and the surrounding localities have petitioned to the Government for the establishment of a Wool Spinning and Weaving Centre at Bagur on the lines of the Badanval Spinning Centre;

(*c*) whether, in this connection, any investigation has been made by Government;

(*d*) what is the result of the investigation, if any?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) and (*d*) Necessary investigations are being made.

Mr. B. MARULAPPA.—Is it a fact that the Director of Industries and Commerce went to Bagur some months ago?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Notice.

Mr. B. MARULAPPA.—Has it come to the notice of Government that at least 600 weavers are living in Bagur and the surrounding localities?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—The report of the department in regard to such details is awaited.

Mr. B. MARULAPPA.—Will a wool weaving centre be established at Bagur?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—That question will have to be considered after the receipt of the report.

Tank near Kariyala Village.

Q.—43. Messrs. Venkalapathi THIMMIAH and Patel MALLAPPA (Chitaldrug Taluk); T. SHADAKSHARAPPA and D. SIVASANKARAYYA (Challakere Taluk); B. SITHARAMIAH (Hiriyur Taluk); Patti BASAPPA and Kamareddy MALLAPPA (Molakalmuru Taluk); Patel CHENNAPPA and GOWDA SIVAPPA (Davangere Taluk); GOWDA ESWARAPPA, son of Mr. Nanjappa Gowda and GOWDA ESWARAPPA, son of Mr. Rangappa (Holalkere Taluk); B. V. NAGESHA SETTY and B. MARULAPPA (Hosadurga Taluk); J. S. MAHALINGAPPA and MALKAPPA (Jagalur